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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 27, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect one of two groups of claims: Group I (claims 1-14) drawn to the article of manufacture, or Group II (claims 15-24) drawn to a method of manufacture. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-14).

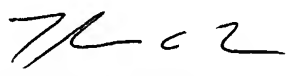
In addition, Applicants herewith submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 and ask that the references listed be considered.

Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination. Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessitated by the present Response. However, in the event that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 261-3148.

Respectfully submitted,

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